ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA









GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II represented by Governor General Rodney **WILLIAMS**

Head of Government

Prime Minister Gaston BROWNE

Government Type

parliamentary democracy (Parliament) under a constitutional monarchy; a Commonwealth realm

Capital

Saint John's

Legislature

bicameral Parliament consists of the Senate (17 seats) and the House of Representatives (17 seats)

Judiciary

the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (ECSC), headquartered on St. Lucia, is the superior court of the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Sir Ronald SANDERS

US Ambassador

the US does not have an embassy in Antigua and Barbuda, US Ambassador to Barbados Linda S. TAGLIALATELA is accredited to Antigua and Barbuda

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 442.6 sq km Land: 442.6 sq km Water: 0 sq km

tropical maritime; little seasonal temperature variation

Natural Resources

negligible; pleasant climate fosters tourism

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

tourism accounts for 60% of this island's GDP, but the sector was hit by the global economic recession in 2009 and Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.393 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$26,300 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$61.3 million (2017 est.)

partners: Poland 62.2%, Cameroon 9.5%, US 5.1%, UK 4.5%

(2017)

Imports

\$420.7 million (2017 est.)

partners: US 48%, Spain 4.2% (2017)

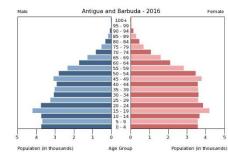
PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

94,730 (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth

1.21% (2017 est.)



Ethnicity

black 87.3%, mixed 4.7%, hispanic 2.7%, white 1.6%, other 2.7%, unspecified 0.9% (2011 est.)

Language

English (official), Antiguan creole

Religion

Protestant 68.3%, Roman Catholic 8.2%, other 12.2%, unspecified 5.5%, none 5.9% (2011 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 24.6% of total population (2018)

rate of urbanization: 0.55% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

99% (2012 est.)

as of September 2018